

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on December 22nd, AD 2011 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III; Paul J. Golembeske, Gary Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor, Tom Dunn, Business Manager, Chief S. Wordell and Chief R. Petrin.

Salute to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the December 8, 2011 Town Council meeting minutes.

Announcements:

1. The following boards and commissions have upcoming vacancies; letters of interest may be submitted to the Town Clerk before January 5, 2012 at 4 PM.

(1) Little Compton Housing Trust Trustee – January 2016 (unexpired term)

(1) Tree Warden for year ensuing March 1 - annual appointment

(2) Harbor Commission Members – day and commercial trip fishermen – 3 yr.

(1) Rec. Conservation and Open Space Committee Member – 3 yr.

(2) Planning Board Members – 4 yr.

(1) Conservation Commission Member – 3 yr.

2. The Town's Audit will require more work than can be accomplished within the next week, therefore an extension of 30 days has been requested. We anticipate a favorable response to this request.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Fire Department Head reports for October and November 2011.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Police Department Head reports for September, October and November 2011.

Chief Wordell clarified that the sick leave listed in September was due to an officer who was out on a non-work related injury. He also noted that the Injured on Duty category for November was a Lt. who sustained a knee injury, but who has since returned to duty.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington,

**Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained from voting:
To appoint Cynthia Sheldon to the Little Compton Free Public Library
to fill an unexpired term until October 15, 2012.**

Councilor Mushen advised that discussion on the next item on the agenda, “Discussion regarding a request to communicate with RI Dept. of Transportation the Council’s concerns regarding the Sakonnet Point drainage pipe project”, should be limited to discussion of the pipe location and not about any easements that may be in question. He continued by asking Council Mataronas give his opinion on the pipe location issue. Councilor Mataronas noted that he attended the Planning Board meeting to speak on this subject, specifically the plan that shows the extension, or lack thereof, of the discharge pipe. He believes the pipe should go out beyond the high-water line to avoid future backups. He wishes to request a meeting with representatives of RI Dept. of Transportation and/or its engineers to discuss this matter.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To allow representatives of the Council to meet with RI Dept. of Transportation engineers and/or a designee of Deputy Director Robert Smith to express concerns raised by the Council as it relates to a certain drainage pipe replacement project for Sakonnet Point Road.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a memorandum between Councilor Mushen and Maintenance Foreman acknowledging an amendment to the hours of the Transfer Station for specific dates as follows: December 24th 8:00 am to noon, December 26th hours remain as usual, January 2nd – closed, January 3rd 10 am to 6 PM.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To schedule a workshop on January 5, 2012 beginning at 6 PM with the Building Official and the Planning Board to discuss the changes proposed for the FEMA Flood Insurance Maps.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the Police Chief to advertise to receive proposals for the purchase of a one (1) new 2011 or newer, 4-door Police Package Vehicle with a deadline for the bids to be received of February 9, 2012.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a letter received

from Terry Sullivan, RI State Director, The Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island expressing their gratitude for the Town's involvement and endorsement of the Dunderly Brook Trail.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Mass/RI Chapter to conduct a 25/50 mile Bicycle Ride called the Cycle for Life on September 22, 2012 from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM, contingent upon notification with the local Police Department concerning the potential need to hire a police detail for the event and that the Town's Indemnification Form requirements being met.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a request made by the LC Senior Citizens Busing Coordinator, Francisco M. Silva to pay a stipend of \$100 to each of the three volunteer senior bus drivers, Bertrand Chretien, Roland Chretien and Larry McCarthy, in appreciation of their services to the seniors.

A letter has been received from Jack Crook, President, LC Volunteer Fire Department reminding the town of the annual lease payment for the two oldest rescues. The Council President placed this letter and discussion of the disposition of the ambulances on the agenda for

consideration at this time. The following points of concern were raised during the discussion:

- The lease payments for two rescues are due for payment at \$1.00 each**
- The Town has three Rescues, a new rescue, a reserve (2003) and one from 1998 which is being considered for sale**
- In the future rescues should be purchased and titled without a need for a lease agreement with the LCVFD**
- Agreement among Councilors that the oldest rescue should be sold while there is an interested party**
- The LCVFD may perceive the rescues are theirs, but the titles are to the town fire department.**
- The LCVFD has a list of items they believe are under their ownership, this needs to be clarified**
- Consider putting any proceeds received from the sale of the rescue into an escrow account then if the LCVFD can provide proof of ownership then we can consider options**
- An individual has expressed a desire to purchase the vehicle**
- We should settle the ownership of all of the equipment used by the Fire Department. Questions have previously been raised but not clarified at this stage. Consider sending a letter re: rescue sale with emphasis on the broader scope of equipment and not just the rescue**
- Chief Petrin and Councilor Appleton are still considered the points of contact for any matter involving the equipment at the Fire Station**

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Fire Chief to advertise the sale of the oldest Rescue in his department and to authorize the Council President to communicate in writing with Jack Crook, President of the LC Volunteer Fire Department the pending sale and to ask for documentation to be submitted if the LCVFD believes they are the proper owners of the vehicle; additionally the Council President is asked to emphasize on the full scope of equipment that is used by the Little Compton Fire Department where there may be question by the LCVFD of ownership to the items.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid: \$69,966.41

Poland Spring - Maintenance \$20.56

Poland Spring - Town Hall \$36.18

Postmaster - Board of Canvassers \$176.00

Verizon Wireless - Transfer Station \$32.23

Verizon Wireless - Building Official \$39.48

Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$66.26

Allied Waste - Transfer Station \$5,635.00

Nationalgrid - Public Safety at transfer station \$533.06

Nationalgrid - Adamsville Street Lights \$90.63

Nationalgrid - IOOF \$49.42

Nationalgrid - Meeting Hall \$24.86

Nationalgrid - street lights \$24.70

Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot \$26.42

Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$81.20

Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$425.41

WB Mason - Town Hall \$46.99

RI Tax Collectors Assoc. - Treasurer \$30.00

Walco - Harbor Management - Town Dock \$1,609.32

Modern Printing - Transfer Station \$600.00

Goldstein's Lawn & Farm Inc. - Maintenance \$10.89

Wilkie Excavating Inc. - Transfer Station \$1,254.33

Tom's Lawn & Garden - Maintenance \$9.79

Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$363.93

Salva & Sons Safe & Security - Maintenance \$3.60

Petro - gasoline \$3,073.77

Petro - 30 Commons Maint. Garage \$431.46

Tiverton Fire & Safety - Town Hall \$96.00

RIBOA - Building Official \$35.00

RI Assoc of Plumbng & Mech. Inspectors - Bldg. Official \$25.00

Roger's Machine Shop - Highway \$375.00

PJ Keating - Highway \$776.82

Susan Sisson - Dir. Of Social Services \$1,350.00

Marion Welding - Transfer Station \$80.00

Mary-Jane Harrington - Treasurer \$15.54

Don's Marine Inc. - Harbor Management Fund \$318.89

ACS - Town Clerk \$1,299.00

Clinical 1 Home Medical - Fire Dept. \$101.00

RIAFC - Fire Dept. \$150.00

Enos Home Oxygen Therapy - Fire Dept. \$61.00

Belmont Springs - Fire Dept. \$111.65

BTT Inc. - Fire Dept. \$49.97

Cox Communications - Fire Dept. \$168.69

Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$222.33

Bound Tree - Fire Dept. \$167.50

Zoll Medical Corp. - Fire Dept. \$135.00

Southcoast Hospitals Groups - Fire Dept. \$1.73

Amtech - Fire Dept. \$3,469.24

Tiverton Fire & Safety - Fire Dept. \$83.00

Tiverton Fire & Safety - Fire Dept. \$11.00

Air Cleaning Specialists of NE LLC - Fire Dept. \$999.00 \$5,731.11

Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo, PC - Audit \$3,280.00

MHQ Vehicles - Maintenance \$32,750.00

Cox Communications - 32 Commons \$27.84

Sani-Kan - Maintenance Garage \$97.32

NEACTC - Town Clerk \$25.00

Franlart Nurseries, Inc. - Tree Warden \$2,360.00

Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$335.52

Tyler Technologies - Treasurer \$39.12

Rob's Auto Care - Drug Forfeiture \$259.32

Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$454.75

Graphix Plus - Drug Forfeiture \$58.85

Somerset Uniform & Supply - Drug Forfeiture \$626.85 \$1,399.77

Cox Communication/Internet - Police Dept. \$171.00

Cox Communication/Telephone - Police Dept. \$184.99

W.B. Mason - Police Dept. \$352.29

K.T.R. Maintenance - Police Dept. \$335.17 \$1,043.45

Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Maintenance \$65.00

Messenger Security Systems Inc. - 32 Commons \$65.00

Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Town Hall \$105.00

Modern Printing - Assessors \$60.00

Richard S. Humphrey - Town Solicitor \$3,500.00

Mary-Jane Harrington - Treasurer \$15.54

At 7:26 PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to enter into executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(2) – collective bargaining for IAFF Local 3957, IBPO Local 644 and LC Municipal Employees NEARI. All voted in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas and Mushen).

A brief recess was taken to allow the camera man to remove his equipment. At 7:28 PM the executive session convened with the following attendees: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III; Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas, Robert L. Mushen, Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor, Fire Chief Petrin and Police Chief Wordell.

The Councilors considered their options to begin negotiations with all three unions.

At 7:56 PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to come out of executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(2) – collective bargaining for IAFF Local 3957, IBPO Local 644 and LC Municipal Employees NEARI. All voted in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas and Mushen).

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:57 PM.

Carol A Wordell

Town Clerk